FOR THOSE WHO CAME IN LATE...
4 CENTURIES AGO, SOLE SURVIVOR OF A PIRATE RAID.. WASHED ASHORE ON A REMOTE BANGALLA BEACH...

ON THE SKULL OF HIS FATHER'S KILLER, HE SWORE AN OATH.. HE WAS THE FIRST PHANTOM...
..DEVOTE MY LIFE TO DESTROY PIRACY, CRUELTY AND INJUSTICE.. MY SONS SHALL FOLLOW ME...

HIS SONS.. AND THEIR SONS DID FOLLOW.. SEAFARERS AND JUNGLEFOLK THOUGHT HIM THE SAME MAN.. IMMORTAL...
THE MAN WHO CANNOT DIE...
..THE GHOST WHO WALKS..

NOW.. OUR PHANTOM.. 21ST GENERATION OF HIS LINE.. NEMESIS OF EVIL-DOERS EVERYWHERE ..HE WORKS ALONE.
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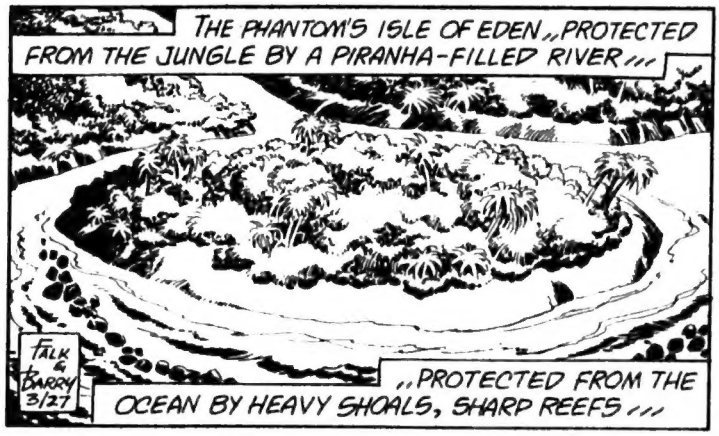
THE PHANTOM'S ISLE OF EDEN.. PROTECTED FROM THE JUNGLE BY A PIRANHA-FILLED RIVER...
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..PROTECTED FROM THE OCEAN BY HEAVY SHOALS, SHARP REEFS...

..HERE FLESH EATERS AND GRASS EATERS LIVE IN PEACE TOGETHER.
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TOMORROW: HOW

EDEN: WHEN JUNGLE-CAT CUBS ARE BORN HERE OR BROUGHT, THEY LEARN TO EAT ONLY FISH...
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WHEN LARGER, HE TRAINS THEM TO CATCH FISH IN THE LAGOON...
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THE MORI FISHERMEN KEEP THE LAGOON WELL-STOCKED.. UNTIL NOW...

LATELY, MORI BRING LESS FISH.. FOR THE GREAT CATS OF EDEN...

R-ROAR
FOR THE FIRST TIME, THEY KNOW HUNGER...

PUZZLED, THE GENTLE CATS IMITATE THEIR FRIENDS... BUT GRASS IS NOT FOR THEM.. TROUBLE AHEAD!
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AT EDEN,, NOW THE HUNGRY CATS, FOLLOWING ANCIENT INSTINCTS,, BEGIN TO CHASE THEIR FRIENDS,,,
RROOAAR!!
PHANTOM.. TROUBLE.. EDEN.. COME FAST..
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RELAYED BY TALKING DRUMS,, EVEN TO THE DEEP WOODS ,,TO THE SKULL THRONE OF THE GHOST WHO WALKS ,,,
EDEN.. COME FAST.. PHANTOM
?!
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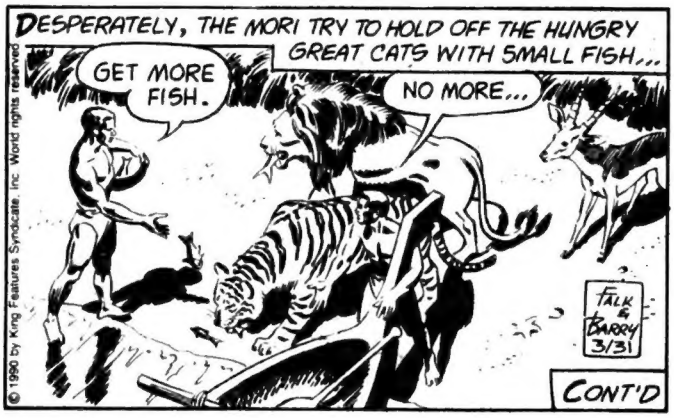
PHANTOM.. TROUBLE.. EDEN.. COME FAST..
THE TALKING DRUMS. WHAT CAN IT MEAN?
I DON'T KNOW, GURAN,,,
WHATEVER,, LET'S HOPE I'M IN TIME!
OUT OF THE DEEP WOODS,, THRU THE SECRET WATERFALL EXIT,,,


DESPERATELY, THE MORI TRY TO HOLD OFF THE HUNGRY GREAT CATS WITH SMALL FISH,,,
GET MORE FISH.
NO MORE,,,
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NO MORE,, FISH,,,
THEN THE BRAVE MORI USE STICKS,,,
RROOAARR
THE MORI,, HOLDING OFF THE HUNGRY GREAT CATS,, TO PREVENT SLAUGHTER OF THE GRASS EATERS,,,

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WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?
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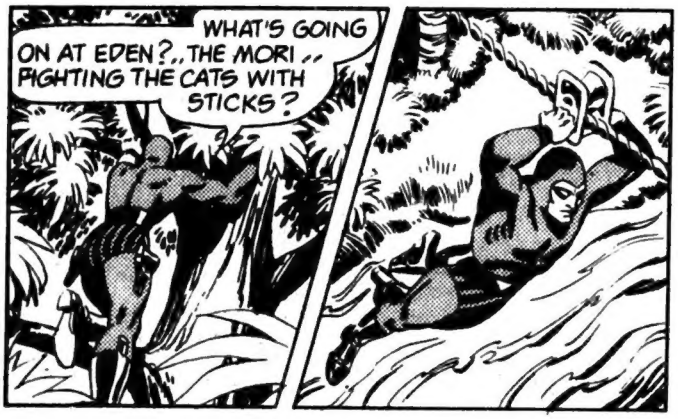
WHAT'S GOING ON AT EDEN?,, THE MORI,, FIGHTING THE CATS WITH STICKS?

THEN, AS THE HUNGRY TIGER MOVES,,,
ROOAAR
NO,, NO,,
THIS IS THE END OF EDEN.
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DRIVEN BY HUNGER,, AND INSTINCT,, THE TIGER LEAPS...
?

THE MASTER OF EDEN ARRIVES!
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EASY,, STRIPES...
AS HE WRESTLES AND SUBDUES HIS PET...
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EVEN HUNGRY,, THE GREAT CATS KNOW THEIR MASTER WILL FEED THEM AS HE ALWAYS HAS...
,,FUZZY,, STRIPES,, GOOD LADY,, SPOTS,, GOOD BOY...
PURR
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THE CATS ARE THIN,, HUNGRY,, NEED FISH,,
WE KNOW. WE FEARED THEY WOULD KILL THE ANIMALS...
FISH HARD TO FIND. OUR PEOPLE NEED FOOD, TOO.
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THE OCEAN IS FULL OF FISH...
NOT NOW, O GHOST WHO WALKS...
BECAUSE OF THAT...
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THAT GREAT BOAT MOVES ON OUR WATERS...
MOTOR NOISE SCARE OFF FISH THEY DO NOT CATCH ON LONG, LONG LINE. HELP US, PHANTOM.
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BOAT,, LATER. RIGHT NOW,, THIS PROBLEM,, FISH FOR CATS, FAST!

IF THEY GO WILD,, TASTE WARM BLOOD,, END OF EDEN,, UNLESS I KILL THEM FIRST...
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ON THE PHANTOM'S ISLE OF EDEN,,,
MUST FEED THESE CATS FISH AT ONCE,,OR,,KILL THEM BEFORE THEY DESTROY ALL THE OTHER ANIMALS.
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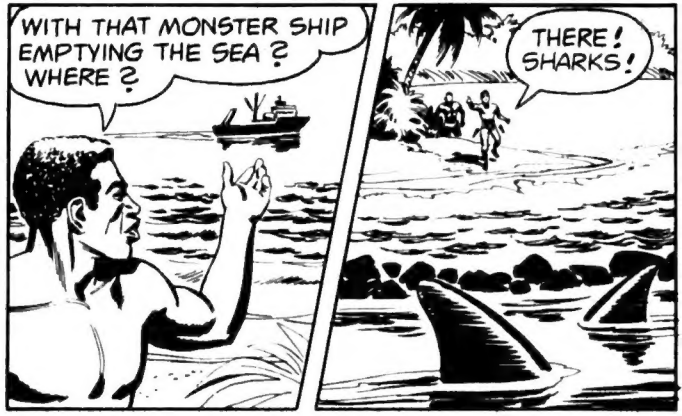
WITH THAT MONSTER SHIP EMPTYING THE SEA ? WHERE ?
THERE! SHARKS!

WE CAN'T CATCH SHARKS IN OUR NETS.
I KNOW. FOLLOW ME BEYOND THE REEFS. FAST!
COME!

THE GREAT CATS FOLLOW THEIR MASTER, KNOWING HE'LL FEED THEM,,AS HE ALWAYS DID,,,
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TRAINED LIKE PET DOGS,,THE GREAT CATS,,,
STAY! (I HOPE)
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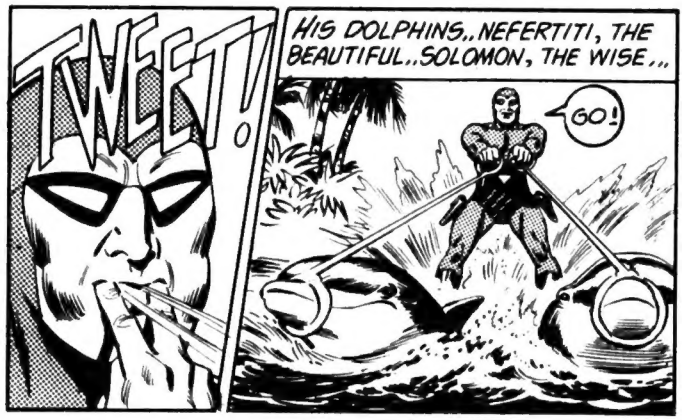
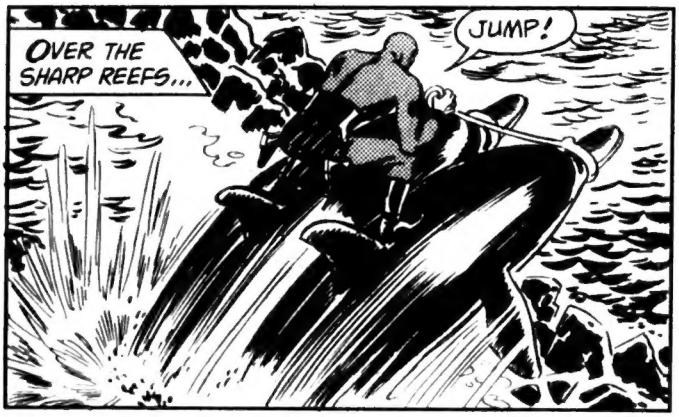
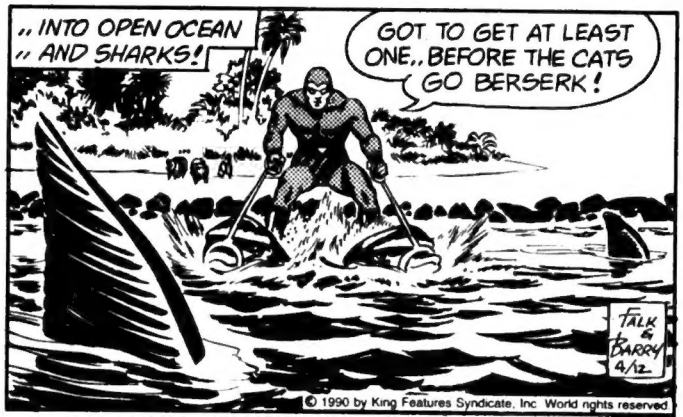

TWEET!
HIS DOLPHINS,,NEFERTITI, THE BEAUTIFUL,,SOLOMON, THE WISE,,,
GO!


OVER THE SHARP REEFS...
JUMP!


,,INTO OPEN OCEAN ,,AND SHARKS!
GOT TO GET AT LEAST ONE,,BEFORE THE CATS GO BERSERK!
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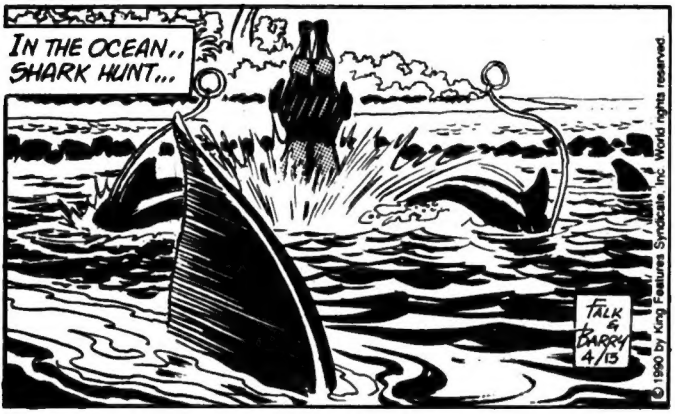
IN THE OCEAN,, SHARK HUNT...
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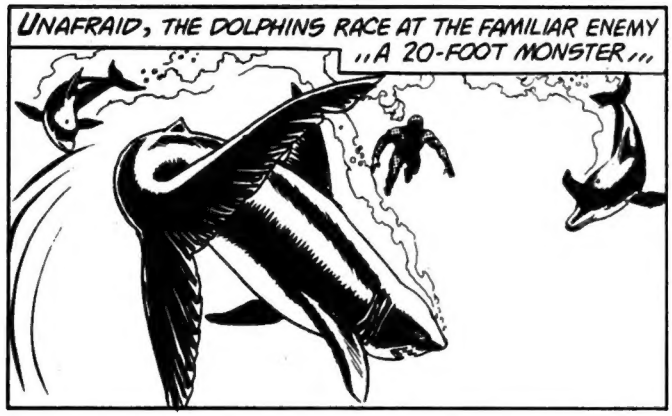
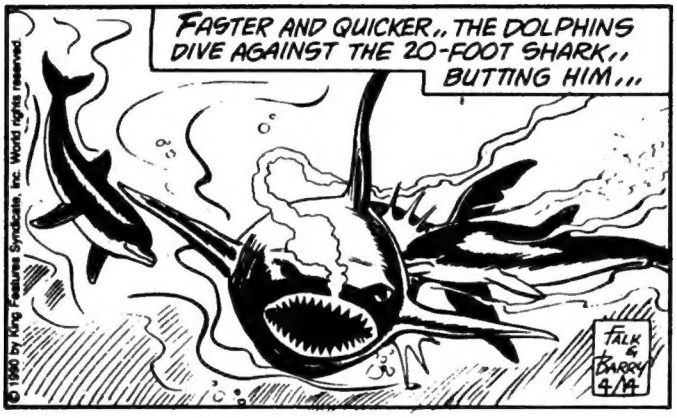

UNAFRAID, THE DOLPHINS RACE AT THE FAMILIAR ENEMY ,,A 20-FOOT MONSTER,,,


FASTER AND QUICKER,, THE DOLPHINS DIVE AGAINST THE 20-FOOT SHARK,, BUTTING HIM,,,
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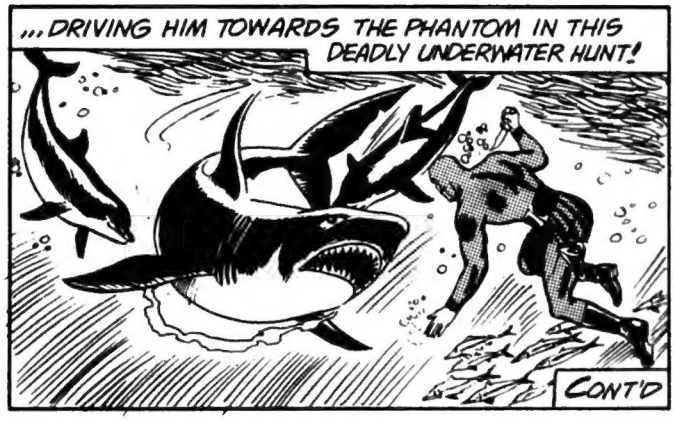
,,,DRIVING HIM TOWARDS THE PHANTOM IN THIS DEADLY UNDERWATER HUNT!
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ON EDEN, AS THE GREAT CATS AWAIT THEIR MASTER...
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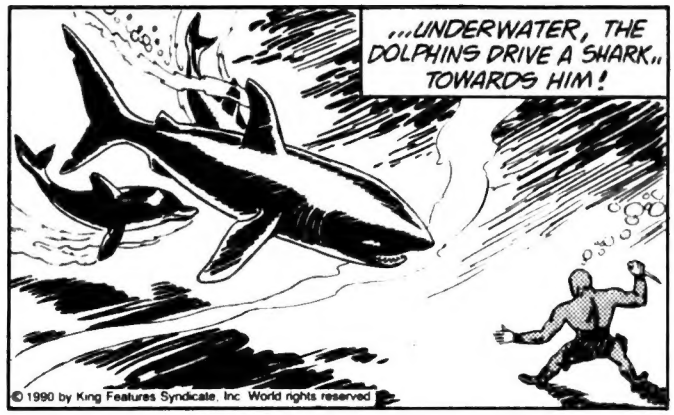
,,WHILE THE MORI FISHER-MEN ALSO AWAIT HIM,,,


,,,UNDERWATER, THE DOLPHINS DRIVE A SHARK,, TOWARDS HIM!
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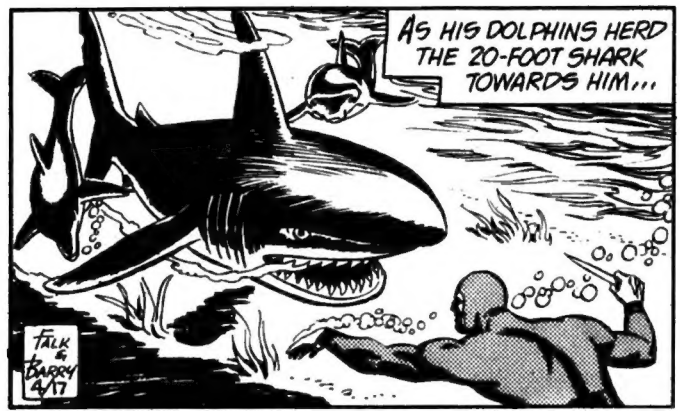
AS HIS DOLPHINS HERD THE 20-FOOT SHARK TOWARDS HIM...
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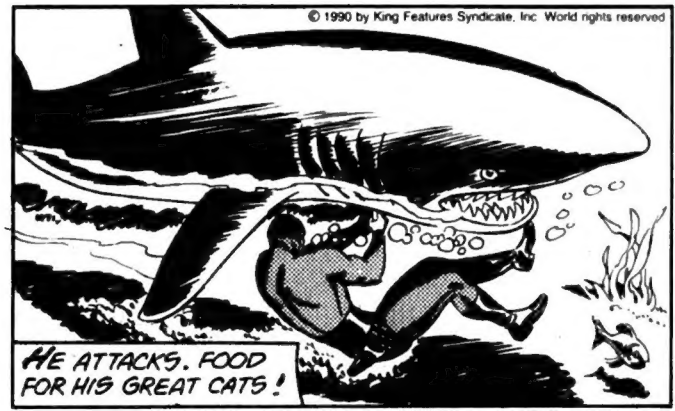
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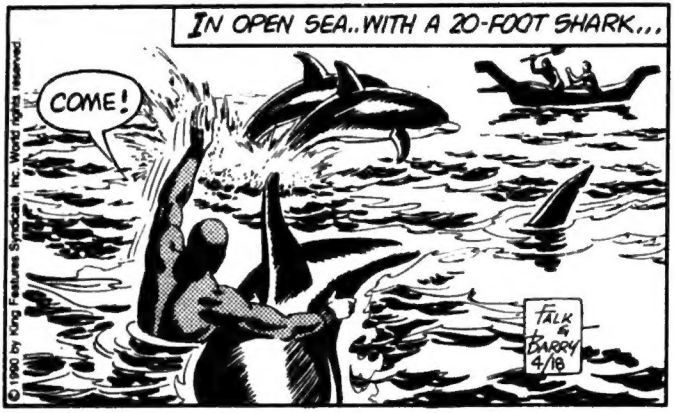
HE ATTACKS. FOOD FOR HIS GREAT CATS!


IN OPEN SEA..WITH A 20-FOOT SHARK...
COME!
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HE GOT BIG ONE! FOR CATS!
PHANTOM BRAVE AS TIGER!

I'LL TIE HIM. THEN TAKE HIM TO THE CATS.
IT WILL BE DONE, O GHOST WHO WALKS.
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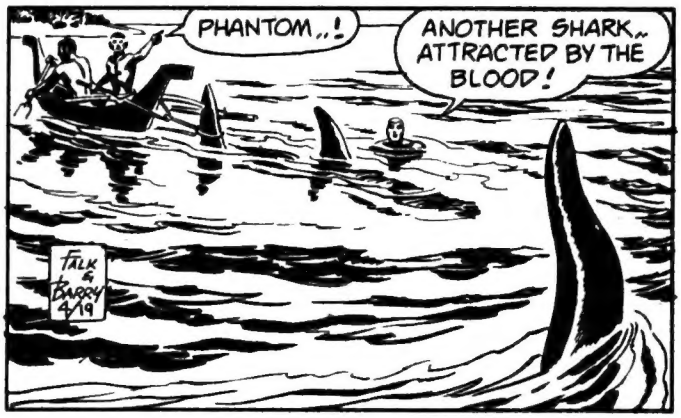
PHANTOM..!
ANOTHER SHARK.. ATTRACTED BY THE BLOOD!
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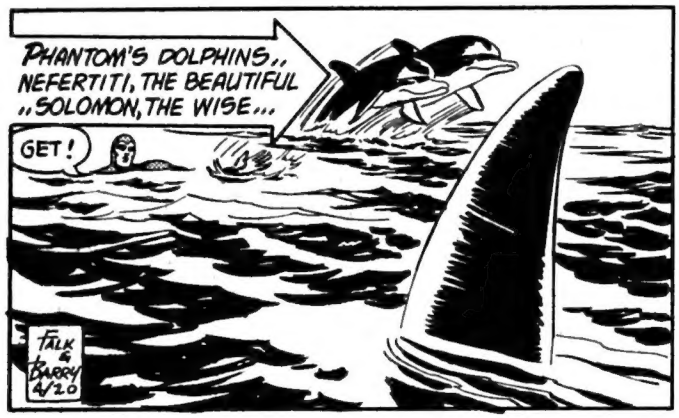
PHANTOM'S DOLPHINS.. NEFERTITI, THE BEAUTIFUL ..SOLOMON, THE WISE...
GET!
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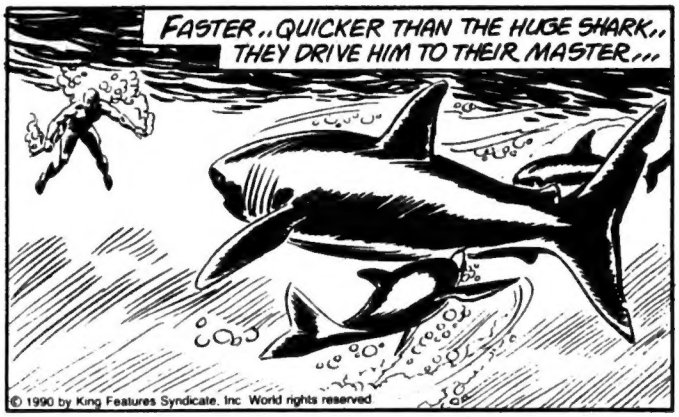
FASTER..QUICKER THAN THE HUGE SHARK.. THEY DRIVE HIM TO THEIR MASTER...
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THE HUNGRY CATS AWAIT THEIR MASTER'S COMMAND...
LEAVE THE OTHER SHARK OUTSIDE THE LAGOON. CUT THIS ONE LOOSE.
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EAT!
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THAT SHARK SHOULD LAST THE CATS A WEEK.
SECOND SHARK OUTSIDE THE LAGOON...

BUT AFTER THAT..? WE NEED REGULAR CATCHES AGAIN.. OR..THESE ANIMALS..AND EDEN WILL NOT SURVIVE.
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TOMORROW: THAT BOAT.
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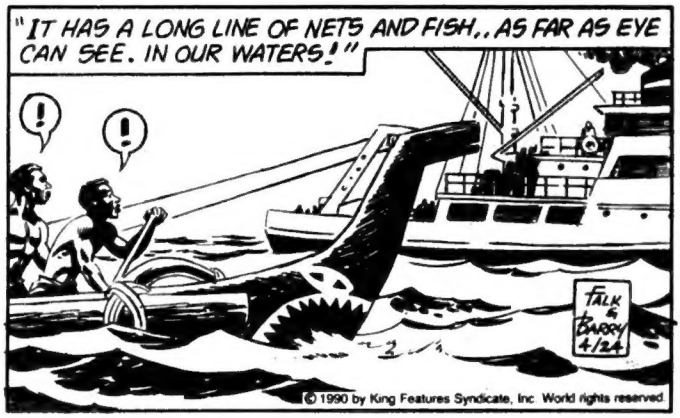
TELL ME MORE ABOUT THAT BOAT OUT THERE.
BIG..LIKE WHOLE VILLAGE... MOVES BACK AND FORTH.. SLOWLY...


"IT HAS A LONG LINE OF NETS AND FISH..AS FAR AS EYE CAN SEE. IN OUR WATERS!"
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THAT LINE..AS FAR AS EYE CAN SEE.. THOUSANDS OF FISH...
? ? ? ?
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YOU MUST GO AWAY..THIS OUR WATER!
WHAT'S HE SAY?
HIS WATER. HOHOHAHAHE.
HO HO HA HA.. HEHE.

GO..OR WE CUT LINE!

THEY LAUGH AT US.
THEY STEAL OUR FISH. WE CUT THEIR LINE!
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THEY TRY TO CUT OUR LINE!
ROPE TOO TOUGH.
GET AWAY FROM THERE!
GET MY RIFLE!
CUT..CUT!
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WE TRY TO CUT LINE. IS TOO HARD.
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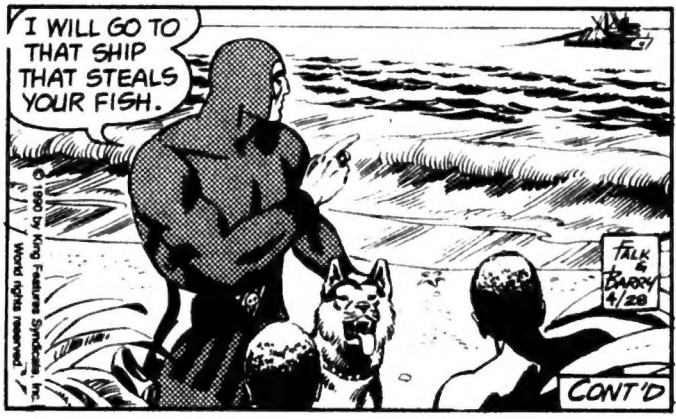
STOP THAT! GET AWAY FROM THERE!

BAM
"THEY SHOOT THUNDER STICK,, HIT MY BROTHER,,

"I TAKE HIM HOME. HE DOES NOT DIE,, STILL THEY STEAL OUR FISH,, OUR PEOPLE GO HUNGRY,,,"


I WILL GO TO THAT SHIP THAT STEALS YOUR FISH.
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THIS SHARK WILL LAST SOME DAYS. THEN BRING IN THE SECOND ONE.
IT WILL BE DONE, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

IT WAS CLOSE FOR THESE BABIES,, IF THE CATS GOT TOO HUNGRY,,,

NOW I WILL GO TO THE SHIP WHERE THEY STEAL YOUR FISH.

WE GO WITH YOU.
NO,, TOO DANGEROUS FOR YOU. I GO WITH THE DOLPHINS.
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WHAT WILL YOU SAY TO THOSE MEN OF THE SHIP WHO SHOT MY BROTHER?
I WILL TALK,, THESE ARE THE WATERS OF YOUR PEOPLE.
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IF THEY DON'T LISTEN TO REASON, THEN-- ALMOST DAWN,, TIME TO GO.

NEFERTITI,, SOLOMON,, GO!
IF THEY DON'T "LISTEN TO REASON",, WHAT WILL HE DO?
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UP!
OVER THE REEFS PROTECTING THE PHANTOM'S EDEN...
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..TOWARDS THE LARGE TRAWLER.
MUST GET THERE BEFORE DAWN.. FASTER!
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THE HUGE FOREIGN TRAWLER...
ALMOST DAWN.. PEOPLE WAKING UP!

THE ENDLESS FISH LINE..GOES FOR MILES! NO WONDER THE MORI CAN'T CATCH ANY MORE...
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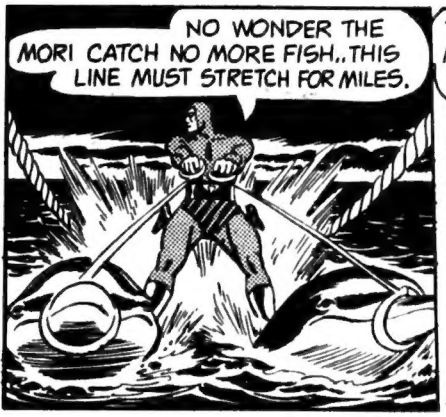
NO WONDER THE MORI CATCH NO MORE FISH..THIS LINE MUST STRETCH FOR MILES.

TOUGH ROPE.. POOR MORI TRIED TO CUT IT..GOT SHOT..

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STAY NEAR.. SEE YOU LATER.. I HOPE...
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BACK TO WORK.. ANOTHER DAY.. MORE FISH...
WHEN WE GO HOME?
LONG TIME.
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THEY'RE AWAKE.. DUE FOR A SURPRISE.
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STRIPES!
FOR THOSE WHO CAME IN LATE...
GREAT CATS OF EDEN: BRED ON FISH.. WHEN SUPPLY STOPS.. THEY ATTACK FRIENDS...
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FEW FISH.. ALL CAUGHT BY THAT BIG BOAT..!
PURR
PURR

THE ALIEN BOAT.. TRAILING FISHING LINES.. MANY MILES LONG...
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.. THE MORI FISHERMEN.. A CRISIS...
GO FISH..
NO FISH..
WE ARE HUNGRY.. NEED FISH..
TO EAT.. TO TRADE...
WHILE HE REACHES THE ALIEN FISHING SHIP...

AS OTHER TRIBES COME TO BARTER...
WE NEED.. FLOUR.. SALT.. CLOTH...
MEDICINE..
GOODS.. FOR FISH..!
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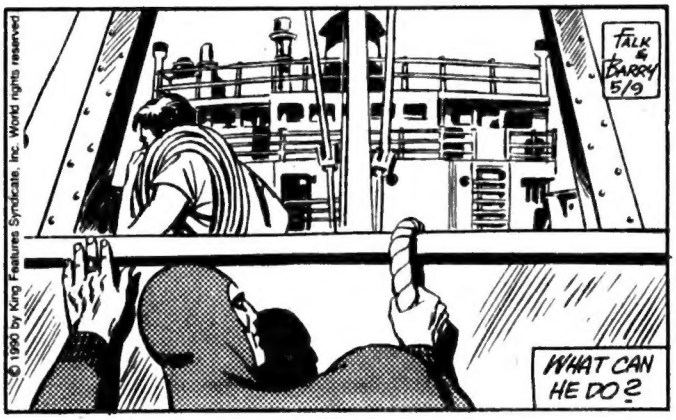
A MORI FROM EDEN COMES HOME..
NO FISH.. OUR CHILDREN HUNGRY...
PHANTOM SAYS... SEND CANOES TO LONG FISH LINE.. NOW...

WE WENT OUT TODAY... NO FISH...
TRUST PHANTOM...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WHAT CAN HE DO?
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AS THE ALIEN FISHERMEN GREET THE DAWN...
YAWN..
YAWN..
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FIRE
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AN UNUSUAL SIGHT.. ANYWHERE...
? ? ! !
GOOD MORNING, ALL.

CAPTAIN ? MATE,, A MASKED MAN,, A BANDIT,,!
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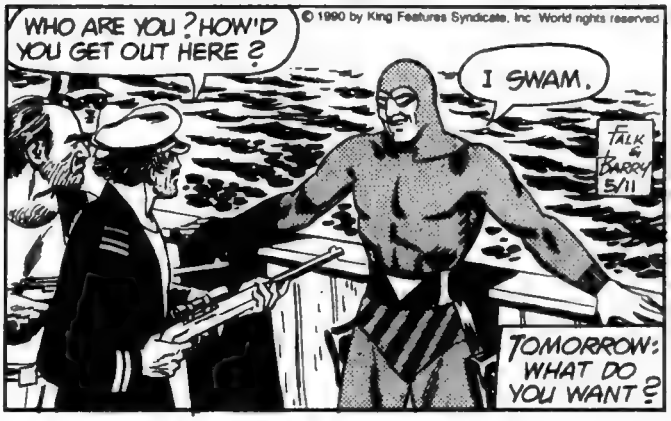
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WHO ARE YOU ? HOW'D YOU GET OUT HERE ?
I SWAM.
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TOMORROW: WHAT DO YOU WANT ?

I'VE COME FOR A BUSINESS CONFERENCE,, TO MAKE A DEAL.
THREE MILES AT SEA...
HUH? WHO ARE YOU ?
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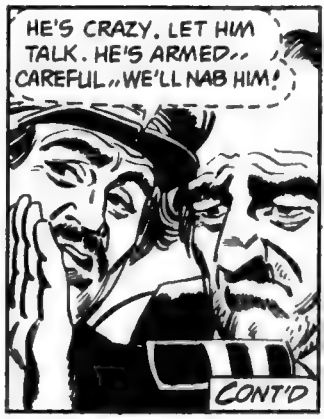
YOU MIGHT SAY I'M A LAWYER,, THERE ARE MY CLIENTS,, THE MORI...


HE'S CRAZY. LET HIM TALK. HE'S ARMED,, CAREFUL,, WE'LL NAB HIM!
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HE'S CRAZY.. I'LL HUMOR HIM.
A MASKED BANDIT,, A LAWYER ? UNUSUAL.
MANY LAWYERS ARE BANDITS WITHOUT MASKS.
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YOU SAID YOU'RE HERE TO MAKE A DEAL.

ALL RIGHT, WE'LL TALK. BUT FIRST, YOUR GUNS. NOT ALLOWED ON MY SHIP. HAND THEM OVER!

SORRY.. I CAN'T GIVE YOU MY GUNS. I NEED THEM IN MY BUSINESS.
WHAT IS YOUR BUSINESS, CRAZY ?
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USUALLY,, CHASING BAD GUYS. WE'LL SEE IF YOU'RE ONE OF THEM.
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ENOUGH TALK! DROP YOUR GUNS ON THE DECK.. OR WE FIRE!

DROP YOUR GUNS ON THE DECK BY THE TIME I COUNT THREE,, OR WE FIRE! ONE,, TWO,,
SORRY...
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I NEED THEM.
BANG BANG
!!

WHAT DO YOU WANT?
ALL OF YOU,, SIT! WE WILL TALK!
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SEE THE MORI FISHERMEN OUT THERE, ON THEIR FISHING WATERS?
YOU'VE ROBBED THEM OF THEIR FISH. I TOLD YOU I'M A LAWYER RIGHT NOW. THEY ARE MY CLIENTS.
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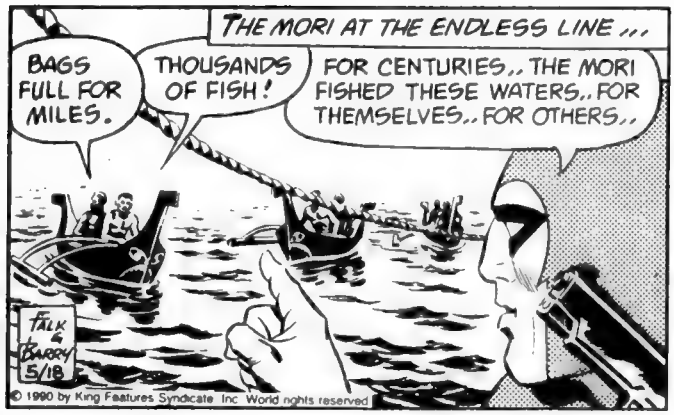
THE MORI AT THE ENDLESS LINE...
BAGS FULL FOR MILES.
THOUSANDS OF FISH!
FOR CENTURIES,, THE MORI FISHED THESE WATERS,, FOR THEMSELVES,, FOR OTHERS,,
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THEY TRADE FISH FOR SUPPLIES,, MANY TRIBES NEED THEIR CATCH...
CRAZY MAN RAVING. GET A COUPLE OF BOYS BEHIND HIM...

ABOARD THE ALIEN FISHING SHIP...
THESE ARE INTERNATIONAL WATERS, "LAWYER." WE HAVE A RIGHT TO FISH HERE.
NOT CORRECT. YOU ARE ONLY THREE MILES FROM SHORE.

BY BANGALLA LAW,, THE INTERNATIONAL LINE IS 100 MILES FROM SHORE.
THAT MEANS YOU'RE FISHING ILLEGALLY HERE.. AND MUST GO.
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CONT'D

THE BAREFOOTED MEN.. ARE ALMOST SOUNDLESS...
KEEP TALKING, CRAZY..
FISHING HERE. YOU'RE BREAKING THE LAW.
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BAM CRACK
TO THE JUNGLE-BRED PHANTOM.. "ALMOST SOUNDLESS" ISN'T SOUNDLESS ENOUGH...

CRACK
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AS YOU WERE, MEN. SIT! NOW.. WE TALK!
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YOU ARE FISHING ILLEGALLY HERE, BUT I CAME TO MAKE A DEAL.
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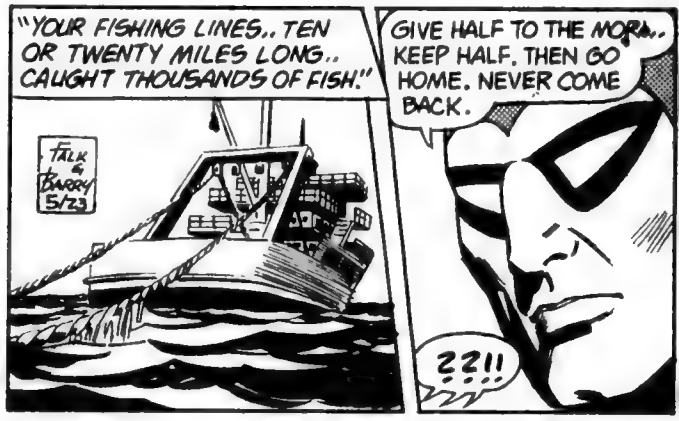
"YOUR FISHING LINES.. TEN OR TWENTY MILES LONG.. CAUGHT THOUSANDS OF FISH."
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GIVE HALF TO THE MORI.. KEEP HALF. THEN GO HOME. NEVER COME BACK.
??!!

I REPEAT THE OFFER.. GIVE HALF YOUR CATCH TO THE MORI.. TAKE THE OTHER HALF HOME AND NEVER COME BACK.
YOU SERIOUS, MASKED BANDIT?
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THAT'S THE OFFER.
HOHOHAHAHEHE
TOMORROW: 12 VS 1

YOU REFUSE MY DEAL ?
BANDIT,, ONLY ONE OF YOU. TWELVE OF US.
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IF WE RUSH YOU, ALL TWELVE ,, YOU SHOOT ONE OR TWO,, BUT THE REST WILL GET YOU.
THEN WE THROW YOU TO THE SHARKS.
THAT'S OUR DEAL, CRAZY.

RIGHT, CAPTAIN. YOU TWELVE ARE AGAINST ONE, ME. AND IF YOU RUSH ME,, I'LL GET OFF ONLY TWO SHOTS.
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BUT THE TWO SHOTS, CAPTAIN AND FIRST MATE,, WILL BE FOR YOU. NOW,, START RUSHING.
!!??
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YOU'VE DECIDED NOT TO RUSH ME, CAPTAIN?
ER,, WE ARE SIMPLE FISHERMEN. WANT NO TROUBLE. YOU SAY WE'RE ILLEGALLY IN THESE WATERS.
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I GO TO RADIO OUR OFFICE. TO LEARN IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE.

NOW...
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"PHANTOM MOVES FASTER THAN EYE CAN SEE",, OLD JUNGLE SAYING.
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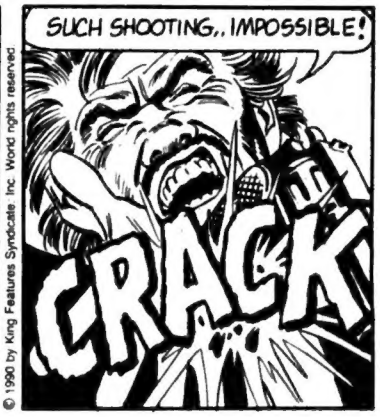

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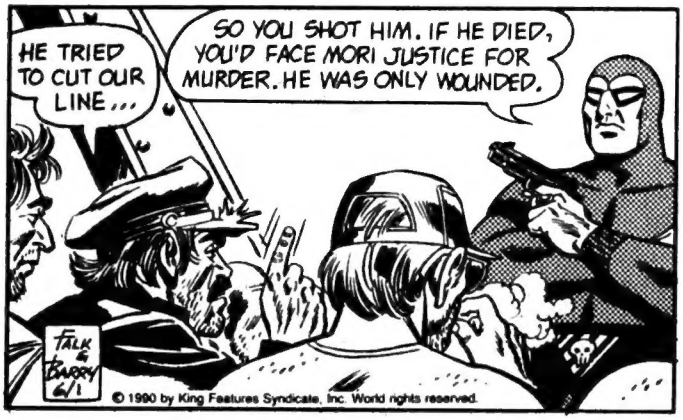

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ABOARD THE FISHING BOAT,, TWO SHOTS...
??!
BANG BANG
??!
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THE WAITING MORI FISHERMEN...
THE SIGNAL!

YOU COULD HAVE HAD HALF THE FISH...NOW,, NONE!
???

I TRIED TO MAKE A DEAL WITH YOU,, HALF OF THE FISH ON YOUR TEN-MILE LINE,, YOU REFUSED...
!
!!!
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NOW,, YOU GET NONE!
!!!!!
SNAP
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BROKE OUR LINE! FISH GONE... KILL!
SNAP

... AND ALONG THE TEN-MILE LINE,, BAGS OF FISH FOR THE MORI!
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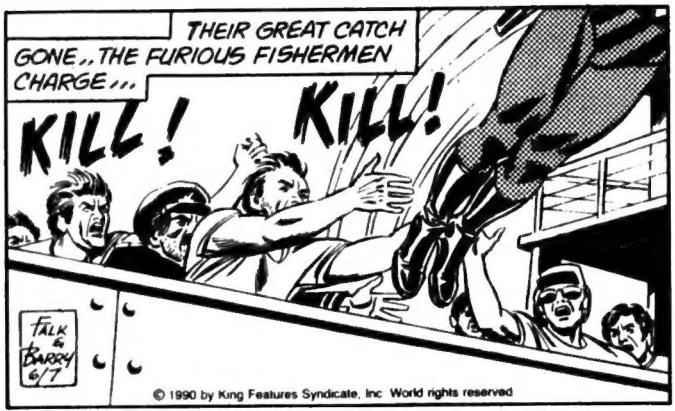
THEIR GREAT CATCH GONE,, THE FURIOUS FISHERMEN CHARGE...
KILL!
KILL!
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BUT HE IS GONE...
ANOTHER CHARGE,, HIS WAITING DOLPHINS!

NEFERTITI,, SOLOMON!
CLICK,, SQUEAK,, WHISTLE...

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WHAT,, IS HE? A DEMON FROM THE SEA!
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TOMORROW: IT NEVER WILL.

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??!!
HAVE A NICE DAY!

HE LEFT,, SKULL MARK ON JAW,, WHERE HE HIT YOU.
ON YOU,, TOO!
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IT,, WON'T COME OFF.
?!
MARK OF THE PHANTOM,, IT'LL NEVER COME OFF.
CONT'D

FISH,, OUR PEOPLE,, NEED FISH,,, WE TAKE?
NO,, CANNOT,,,
THOUGH HUNGRY,, THE MORI OBEY THEIR CODE,, NEVER TAKE ANOTHER MAN'S CATCH,,,

TAKE! ALL YOURS NOW!
!!!
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PHANTOM SAID,, TAKE,, FISH OURS.
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EAGERLY,, THE MORI SEIZE MILES OF FISH,,,

OUR FISH,,! HE OFFERED US HALF. WHAT'LL WE TELL THE OFFICE, CAPTAIN?
THAT WE LOST OUR LINES AND CATCH TO A MASKED HIJACKER?
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NO,, WE HAD A STORM AT SEA,, LOST,, EVERYTHING...

THE MORI.. MAKING MANY TRIPS.. GATHER THE CATCH...

FISH?
FISH!

..AND FISH-HUNGRY JUNGLE TRIBES ONCE MORE TRADE WITH THE MORI...
CLOTH..
FLOUR.. MEDICINE..
IRON...
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FISH INTO THE LAGOON...
BACK TO EDEN.. CLEARING THE SHARP REEFS...

FISH FOR THE GREAT CATS OF EDEN!
JUST IN TIME.. TO SAVE THE PEACE.
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CAN NEVER RETURN HERE... THAT DEMON WILL CUT OUR LINES.. TOO COSTLY.. WHO WAS HE?
SKULL ON MY JAW.. WON'T COME OFF...
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THEN.. THE OLD LEGEND KNOWN.. BY ALL SEAFARERS...
THE GHOST WHO WALKS... THE MAN WHO CANNOT DIE..
THAT.. WAS THE PHANTOM!

WHISTLE
CHEE-CHEE.
GRUNT.
RURR
ONCE MORE, PEACE IN EDEN. CATS ARE FULL OF FISH.. GRASS-EATERS ARE SAFE...
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TAKE GOOD CARE OF MY FRIENDS, MEN OF MORI.
IT WILL BE DONE, O GHOST WHO WALKS.

WHEW! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!
NEXT WEEK: NEW ADVENTURE.